

NOT ALL FOR MEN

Ladies Receiving Salaries From the Government.

THEY MAKE FAITHFUL CLERKS

All These Ladies Are Welcomed in the Best Washington Society After Their Work is Done.

The genius of labor pervades the departments of the government, and in many places the heaviest burdens are borne by the ladies. The casual visitor carelessly glances upon the unostentatious toilers, but the question seldom, if ever, enters their mind as to who they are or where they came. Many of them are fitted by birth and education to grace and adorn the highest courts of society in any land. But reverses in fortune, many of them the result of the civil war, have brought them to government clerkships.

They are good clerks, are these gentle ladies, all of them. When they enter the doors of the department at nine o'clock every morning they take off their hats and social standing with their wraps, and become machines of toil. Their official days end at four o'clock, but they frequently remain on duty later.

Nearly all of them have families dependent upon the labor of their hands and brains; many of them were robbed of conjugal and paternal support by the several calls for three hundred thousand more. They are the widows and orphans of brave men who gave their lives that "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people" should not perish from the earth.

On Pennsylvania avenue, opposite the treasury department, is a large free-stone building, formerly known as Freedman's bank building, the purchase of which was negotiated by the government during the regime of Attorney-General Devens and Brewster. It is now occupied by the department of justice, commonly known as the attorney general's office. In a large room on the third floor of that department, seated in a corner before a typewriter and tirelessly working those nerve destroying keys, sits a lady who was once a reigning belle in Washington society. Her hair is white as the untrodden snow, and is worn as a queen wears a crown. Her father was for many years commandant of the United States marine corps. Her husband was surgeon in the United States navy and gave up his life for his country. Mrs. Annie D. Rundlette is a beautiful woman to-day and none the less of social standing by reason of her



daily toil in government office. Her family connections are of the highest in the land, yet there she sits, grinding out the days and years of her life among legal papers in an atmosphere of law and equity, surrounded by lawyers and their endeavor briefs. Her salary is only \$600 per annum.

Another, and there are other worthy ones near her, is Mrs. H. N. Ralston, the widow of a distinguished western lawyer, a contemporary and friend of Stephen A. Douglas. To her descended much of the genius of a perfect ancestry, and she has more than a local reputation as a poetess and writer upon scientific subjects. Mrs. Ralston has been a great traveler, and her friends listen with rapt attention to her conversations descriptive of her travels across and around the continent in the days when pleasure of that kind was always commingled with danger and courage. She it was who wrote to a young mother not long ago expressing sympathy and love, saying: "We mothers who have gone down in the valley of the shadow and felt life slipping away from us, as with indescribable suffering we give ourselves for the life of another, and then come up slowly again into the light of love which makes earth a sweet type of heaven—"



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the present article, who ask for as much as they can get. As their work is curious and valuable, they have a rule, very little difficulty in disposing of it. Numerous specimens have been made for the queen and other distinguished persons. They all show more or less similarity to the best specimens of Persian workmanship, of which the binding of the Koran, purchased by Emperor Aurangzeb, and now in the royal library at Windsor, is a particularly interesting example.

Electricity in Spain. Spaniards, although slow in the adoption of many improvements, are decidedly not so in regard to electric lighting. A large number of the principal towns, as well as many very small ones, have installations of their own. The latest venture is on the part of the owner of some water power near the two very limited towns Elgarbar and Elbar, in the Spanish province of Vizcaya. These towns will shortly be supplied with electric current for both lighting and power purposes. The necessary working power will be furnished by the water of the River Dora.

Will O'Clock. Don't, with your girl's fancy, think me too good. If there were but one bad man in the world I would be that man. Fan D. Salike—What a good time you'd have!—Puck.

As the season progresses, and the day of closing draws near, the visitors to the fair from Grand Rapids increase in numbers. It is the same from everywhere, and it means that everyone who goes, returns to influence others, and as the "returns" grow, the visiting list increases. The coming week promises fair weather and adding those of the past week, who waited for clear skies, to the thousands of the coming week and adding for the stimulation of Chicago day (tomorrow), it is safe to count on the average of 200,000 per day for the next six days, and which we predicted some time ago would be. A great many left here on yesterday's West Michigan and train; about 200 on the two sections of the 1:25 p. m. train. At time of going to press the night train (11:30 p. m.) was prepared to run in two or more sections. The \$5.40 rate is in effect for the 11:30 train tonight and the little fellow turned over like he was dead, but next morning was up following and well.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 29, 1893. Having used three bottles of P. P. P. for impure blood and general weakness, and having derived great benefits from the same, having gained 11 pounds in weight in four weeks, I take pleasure in recommending it to all unfortunate like myself.

JOHN MORRIS.

OFFICE OF J. N. McELROY, Druggist, Savannah, Ga., April 29, 1893. DEAR SIR:—I sold three bottles of P. P. P. large size yesterday, and one bottle small size today.

The P. P. P. cured my wife of rheumatism winter before last. It came back on her the past winter and a half bottle, and she is cured, her again, and she has not had a symptom since.

I sold a bottle of P. P. P. to a friend of mine, one of his turkeys, a small one, took sick, and his wife gave it a teaspoonful, that was in the evening, and the little fellow turned over like he was dead, but next morning was up following and well.

Yours respectfully, J. N. McELROY.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 17, 1891. MEMBERS LUTHERAN BROS., Savannah, Ga. DEAR SIR:—I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time, and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P., which completely cured me.

Yours truly, ELIZA F. JONES, 16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga.

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